## DECLARATION OF JAMES STOVALL

I, James Stovall, hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Narrative Television Network (NTN) based in Tulsa, OK. NTN was one of the first, and is one of the foremost, providers of video description services in the country. In that capacity, we supply video-described versions of television programs to program producers on a contract basis.
- 2. In anticipation of the need for video description services in connection with TV programs scheduled for airing in the spring of 2002, we have doubled our staff, doubled our physical space and doubled our production equipment. This considerable investment was undertaken to ensure that there would be adequate capacity to meet the need for video description required by the FCC rules for major broadcast and cable networks. If an indefinite stay of the rules were to go into effect now, not only would our investment lie fallow, but some of the highly trained video describers on our staff might have to be laid off. Staying the production of described programming at this point would have a crippling effect on NTN and the rest of the nascent video description community.
- 3. The television industry itself has already anticipated the effectiveness of the video description rules. We have prepared and completed video-described programs for five of the nine nationwide broadcast and cable entities which are required to provide described programs. We have already delivered approximately 100 hours of described programming which is in the can and ready to be broadcast or cablecast, with other hours of programming in process. I know that we are not the only company providing such services, so there is obviously additional video-described programming prepared and ready to go as well.

James Stovall